ABSTRACT^{*}

A two part waste pickup device in which a pick up tool cooperates with a sanitary container to allow one handed pickup and containment of pet wastes. An interior tube inside a hollow tube have disengaging springs with stops inside the hollow tube and on the solid tube to push a shuttle plate over spikes on a fixed plate attached to the hollow tube; the spikes may impale animal waste to be collected and placed in a plastic-bag-lined receptacle cup (the sanitary container), a seal on the upper lip confines materials and odors. The shuttle plate engages detents located on the interior of the receptacle cup. The spring urges the shuttle plate upwards against the detents and the bottom of the fixed plate downwards against the lip of the cup, resulting in the cup and hand tool portion being clamped together.

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